

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, MARCH 21, 1946

The Board of Public Works met on March 21, 1946, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Md.

There were present: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of February 7, 1946, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND

Mr. Kirkman advised of a request received from the Law Librarian to release one set of the Annotated Code of Maryland-1939 edition and supplement, to the Board of Natural Resources, advising at the same time that there were only several sets of the Code left out of the original supply, and he thought it important to hold on to these because some possible more important need for them might arise later.

The Board did not approve the request.

BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board of Public Works a letter from Dr. Jos. T. Singewald, recommending that the proposal of the Socony Vacuum Oil Company, for the leasing of the ocean bed between the one-half mile and 3 mile line off shore in Worcester County, excepting that part of the ocean off Ocean City, as reserved in the lease the State has with the Standard Oil Company, be accepted.

After due consideration the Board decided to accept the proposal of the Socony Vacuum Oil Company, and requested the Secretary to contact the company with the view to having the proper lease prepared for execution.

CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITAL - (Post War Program) - Western Shore -

Mr. Kirkman advised that he had been requested by the City Engineer of Hagerstown, Maryland, to obtain the approval of the Board of Public Works for the running of a new power line in the vicinity of the Bellevue property, which was recently acquired by the State for a Chronic Disease Hospital.

The Board stated it would have no objection to running the power line as requested.

CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL - Post War Program -

Mr. Kirkman requested the Board for advice as to whether bids should be asked for the Pasteurization Plant proposed at Crownsville State Hospital. It was stated that the estimated cost was \$30,000.00, whereas the allotment for the work is \$10,000.00.

The Board thought it desirable to not ask for bids at this time.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board that the Department of Correction was desirous of consulting with Mr. James Posey, Engineer, in connection with the elimination of the smoke nuisance at the Maryland Penitentiary.

It was agreeable to the Board that the Department of Correction avail itself of the services of Mr. Posey in this matter.

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISH

Mr. Kirkman advised of request received from the Department of Game and Inland Fish for approval of bills incurred in connection with the construction of a one-story frame building at the Gwynnbrook State Game Farm, and a barn and repair work on the Bryant Fox Squirrel Wildlife Demonstration Area in Dorchester County. This work had been proceeded with by the Game and Inland Fish Commission without Mr. Kirkman's department having been consulted about it.

Inasmuch as the work had been completed, and the cost apparently was reasonable, the Board approved payment of the bills out of funds available to the Game and Inland Fish Commission for the purpose.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - Post War Program

The Board approved the request of Mr. W. Lee Elgin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, that he be authorized to accept the proposal of the Constanza Construction Company for the construction of additions to the building of the Department of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Frederick Fletcher, architect, at the company's bid of \$449,975.00, with the provision that the cost to the State for the work would be based on the actual cost to the contractor upon accounts approved by the architect, plus 5% to that cost and \$20,000 as a fixed fee, with any savings to be divided on the basis of 60% to the State and 40% to the contractor, the total cost to the State in any event not to exceed the sum of \$449,975.00.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The matter of the floodlighting dome in the State House, which had been considered prior to the war, and which was deferred because of the war, was discussed. Mr. Kirkman was requested to obtain additional information and prices so that the work can be proceeded with as early as possible.

DISPOSAL OF STATE PROPERTY

The Board approved the disposal of State Property as follows:

Maryland State Police - 2 yds. Plain Linoleum, Frederick Barracks, left on floor at old barracks; 1 Hot Point Electric Range, Easton Barracks, traded in on purchase of Gas Range, 1944; 1 Culver Clock, Superintendent's Office, surveyed and found beyond repair; 1 Postal Scales, General Office, surveyed and found worn out; 1 Fount-O-Ink Set, General Office, broken - unserviceable; 3 Gooseneck Lamps, B. of I. & I., broken and beyond repair; 1 small Flag Pole, Stock Room, broken beyond repair; 1 Gooseneck Lamp, Stock Room, broken beyond repair; 1 Single Mattress, Salvage Room, destroyed, worn and dirty. Requests removal of material listed from inventory records.

State Roads Commission - 80 truck and car batteries and approximately 3 to 4 tons of scrap iron; 60¢ each for batteries and 40¢ per cwt. for scrap iron bid by La Plata Junk Yard, La Plata, Md.; 109 10' wooden snow fence panels and 20,000 linear ft. of picket type snow fence to be junked; 9 wornout tires turned in to OPA Inspection Station.

DISPOSAL OF STATE PROPERTY (Continued)

Sale of Refrigerator by Salisbury State Teachers College to Dr. T.J. Caruthers for \$45.00. Refrigerator originally purchased by pupils of fifth and sixth grades as a business and educational project from money raised by them.

Sale of Hammond electric organ by Maryland House of Correction to St. John's African Methodist Church for \$2,000.00.

Sale of scrap iron by Maryland House of Correction to United Iron & Metal Co., in the amount of \$454.55, and to M. Aaronson & Son in the amount of \$38.13.

Sale by State Teachers College-Towson, of 90 outmoded school desks to the Anne Arundel County Board of Education for \$75.00, and two rifles to the Bacharach-Rasin Co. for \$35.00.

Sale by University of Maryland to the McCormick Company of an experimental dehydrator for \$435.00.

State Roads Commission - Chevrolet Truck, License #650, located at Snow Hill, caught on fire and burned beyond repair. Salvable parts will be used on other units and balance will be junked. 32 old tires, unfit for recapping, sold to Sylvester Pinkney, Bel Air; and 10 wornout batteries sold to Wilbur T. Harris, Bel Air.

Department of Tidewater Fisheries - following old engines to be advertised in Eastern Shore papers and auctioned off:

1 8-cylinder Kermath Engine, Sea Chief, Ser. 41185; 1 8-cylinder Kermath Engine, Sea Chief Special, Ser. 40575; 1 6-cylinder Kermath in boat Hooper Straits, Sea Chief, Ser. 40439; 1 V-8 Ford Engine; 1 4-Cylinder Palmer Engine, 40 horsepower; 1 4-Cylinder Lathrop Engine, 14638; 1 6-cylinder Gray 121, Eng. 80051; 1 6-cylinder Gray 671, Eng. B-1406; 1 8-cylinder Chrysler Royal Engine, Type S, Ser. M-36342; 1 8-cylinder Chrysler Royal Engine Type S, Ser. M 3-6631; and 1 8-cylinder Chrysler Majestic Engine, Type C.R. Ser. Y M-1300.

EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL

Mr. Kirkman advised of request received from the Eastern Shore State Hospital for authority to spend an additional sum of \$587.53 in putting old ice boxes into first-class condition. The money for this work is available in the bond issue funds for the hospital.

The request was approved.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND

The Board approved an allotment of \$420.00 to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, for the purpose of increasing the salary of the Deputy Clerk in the office from \$2,380.00 to \$2,800.00.

The Board did not approve the request of the Maryland State Poultry Council for \$5,000.00 additional appropriation for Fresh Egg and Sizing Law.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND (continued)

The Board did not approve request of the Maryland Council of Defense (now Surplus War Property Department), for \$126.75 covering bill of the Maryland Penitentiary for stationery, but did authorize the writing off of this account of the Maryland Penitentiary as uncollectible.

The Board did not make an allotment to The Miners Hospital in connection with their plans for improvements to the hospital, at a cost of \$15,000, but did approve this work as a Post-War Construction Project, and an allotment of \$15,000 for it.

The Board approved an allotment of \$27,535.00 to the Maryland Training School for Boys, to cover overtime payments for personnel which have accrued up to this time, and will be needed during the remainder of the fiscal year. (\$11,700 for overtime and balance for operating expenses)

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from Cheltenham School for Boys for an allotment of \$34,833.27, to cover the construction of a fence for security unit, general renovation program, etc.

Mr. Kirkman was requested to make some further investigation in this matter and to give consideration to allotting funds for the cost of the work in the Post War Construction Program.

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request which had been received some time ago from the State Employment Commissioner for an allotment of additional funds from the Emergency Fund, to take care of the expenses of additional personnel, equipment, etc.

The Board approved an allotment of \$1,500 to the Employment Commissioner and requested Mr. Kirkman to discuss the matter with the Commissioner and advise him of the inability of the Board to allocate the amount of money which had been requested.

The Board approved a request from the State Librarian for an allotment of \$437.50 from the General Emergency Fund, to take care of the change in classification from Law Librarian to Librarian-Court of Appeals.

LEASES

The Board approved the following leases:

Lease covering space in Calvert Building occupied by Administrator of Loan Laws, for the period of one year from April 1, 1946 to April 1, 1947, at the annual rate of \$3,186.00.

Lease for the Unemployment Compensation Board, for space at 37 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, for term of five years, effective from March 1, 1946, at annual rental of \$10,800.00.

LEASES (continued)

Lease of State Roads Commission, covering rooms 6,7,8,9 and 10, on first floor of Professional Building, East Church St., Salisbury, rented from The Professional Building, Inc., automatically renewed for one year from March 31, 1946.

Lease for the State Department of Health for two rooms on north side of Maple Street, Friendsville, Md., between Yough Motor Co. and Young Confectionery, 270 sq. ft., for a term of two years from December 1, 1945, at the rate of \$144 per annum, with Quincy A. Murphy.

Lease for the State Department of Health of a frame building in the center of the town of Prince Frederick, two rooms, 585 sq. ft., for a term of three years from November 1, 1945 at the rate of \$480 per annum, with Bessie H. King.

Lease for additional space for Department of Labor and Industry, at 400 St. Paul St., Baltimore, now taking up the option which the department has in their present lease to rent additional space of 1500 sq. ft. for \$2,400 per annum.

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from the Maryland Racing Commission, that it be authorized to rent additional office space in the Maryland Trust Building (rooms 503, 504 and 505), at an annual rental of \$2,400.00.

The Board was not willing at this meeting to approve the rental of this additional space for the Maryland Racing Commission.

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board the information that has been available through newspaper accounts recently, relative to the prospective purchase of the Calvert Building by the Veterans Administration, and asked whether the Board should take any notice thereof because of the occupancy of some of the offices in the building by State Agencies.

It was felt that there was no occasion for the State to take any action in the matter.

Lease for the State Comptroller's Office in the Pythian Building, Charles and Preston Sts., Baltimore, Rooms 206, 207, 208, 209, 210 211 and 212, approximately 3,750 sq. ft., for the term of one year from May 1, 1946, at a rental of \$6,000.00.

Lease for the State Department of Health, covering main room and entrance hall in the basement or ground floor at 2315 N. Charles St., Baltimore, approximately 650 sq. ft., term of one year from May 1, 1946, at an annual rental of \$780.00, plus cost of electricity used in excess of \$30.00 per quarter year.

Lease for Extension Service, University of Maryland, covering three-acre tract of land near Preston for Intrastate Farm Labor Supply Center, for a term of one year from January 1, 1946, at an annual rental of \$1.00. Renewal lease.

LEASES (continued)

Lease for the Unemployment Compensation Board covering entire fifth floor at 13-15 S. Charles St. and 1 E. Redwood St., Baltimore, for a term of two years from February 1, 1946, at an annual rental of \$1,200.

Lease for the Department of Maryland State Police, covering barracks at Frederick on Route #40, for a term of three years from February 1, 1946, at an annual rental of \$720.00.

MD.COMMISSION ON POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Board approved an allotment of \$2,000, for the purchase of band instruments for the Maryland Training School for Boys, to be deducted from the allotment of \$22,000 for repairs & improvements at the school.

Dr. H.C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland, appeared before the Board and submitted certain requests in connection with the construction program at College Park. The Board approved the following Items:

That the University of Maryland proceed with the construction of the Men's Dormitory, for which \$60,000 was allocated.

That the request of the University that they be allowed to use \$12,000 of their surplus budget funds, to supplement an allotment of \$50,000 for the construction of a dormitory which is under way at the present time.

That they proceed with the construction of a class room building, for which there is an allotment of \$160,000.00

The Board did not approve Dr. Byrd's requests for increases in the allotments for the class room building and the heating plant.

MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board that Mr. Ignatius Bjorlee, Principal of the Maryland State School for the Deaf, had been in touch with him and told him that it was necessary that he be in a position at this time to engage his teachers for the next school year, and that in order to obtain qualified teachers it would be necessary that he be provided with the sum of \$2,800 to supplement the salaries now being paid to teachers.

As the new school year will not begin until on or after July 1, 1946, it was not necessary to make any allotment out of the General Emergency Fund, for 1946, but Mr. Kirkman was authorized to advise Dr. Bjorlee that the necessary funds would be provided to the School in the fiscal year 1947, to enable him to take care of the additional payments necessary for teachers.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE - Post War Construction.

The Board took up for consideration the matter of proposed construction at Morgan State College and, because of the necessity of providing facilities as promptly as possible, approved the acceptance of the proposal of J.K. Ruff for the construction of the Dormitory Building, at a cost of \$271,333.

The Board also approved the request that the architectural firm of Taylor and Fisher proceed with the plans and specifications for the new class room building for the College, and that bids for the construction of the building be requested at as early a date as practicable.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE (continued)

The Board also approved the obtaining of bids by the architectural firm of Gaudreau & Gaudreau for the new Dining Hall proposed for the College.

MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR COLORED GIRLS - Post War Construction.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman the Board approved an allotment of \$6,662, from the amount of \$10,000 included in the Post-War Construction Program, for the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, covering furnishings for the Superintendent's home, necessary repairs, etc.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board that the State Department of Health would have, at the end of the present fiscal year, some unused funds in the appropriation for the Medical Care Program, and stated that the State Department of Health was desirous of having this money carried over to the next fiscal year, so that it might be used next year.

It was the opinion of the Board that any unused money in the Medical Care Program, at the end of the present fiscal year, should be handled according to budget law, that is, that it should be available for any obligations which have been created up to the end of the year, but that any unobligated balances be reverted in the usual manner.

STATE EMPLOYEES, SICK LEAVE EXTENSION

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from Springfield State Hospital that sick leave for Mr. Robert A. Norris, Chief Stationary Engineer at the institution, be extended because of Mr. Norris' illness, and the fact that he has used up the usual sick leave to which he is entitled.

The Board approved extension of the sick leave in this case to June 30, 1946.

ST. MARY'S FEMALE SEMINARY - Post War Construction.

Mr. Kirkman advised that the bulkhead construction work to be done at St. Mary's Female Seminary, St. Mary's City, Md., would cost the sum of \$19,310.00, this representing the low bid for the work received from Smith Brothers, Galesville, Md.

The Board approved the acceptance of the bid by the State Roads Commission which is in charge of the work, and an additional allotment of \$1,310.00 from the Post War Fund to cover the additional cost involved.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from the State Roads Commission that it be permitted to purchase a lot of land at Salisbury, Maryland, for the use of the shops, etc., maintained by the Commission at that point. Mr. Kirkman stated that he had made an investigation of the price paid for land in the vicinity, and that the price of \$900.00 per acre, which was being asked for the land (approximately four acres), which the State Roads Commission is desirous of purchasing, is reasonable.

The Board approved the request of the Commission for authority to purchase the land.

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from the State Roads Commission for approval for the purchase of a tract of land on the south edge of Centreville, on U.S. Route 213, containing

STATE ROADS COMMISSION (continued)

approximately three acres and a warehouse and well, from Langrell Brothers, at a cost of \$4,500.00; also approval to secure right-of-way through this property by purchasing Uhland property at \$500.00.

The requests of the State Roads Commission were approved.

SALE OF PROPERTY

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the State Roads Commission outlining request of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to purchase approximately one-third of an acre of an old quarry located just east of Ellicott City, through which property the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad runs, for \$100.00. The State Roads Commission recommended the sale of the property at a price of \$200.00.

The Board approved the sale of the property for the sum of \$200.00.

STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

Mr. Kirkman advised that the recent windstorm had done considerable damage to the cornice at the State Tobacco Warehouse, and because of the dangerous condition of it, and the insistence of the Police Department, he had proceeded to have the work done at an estimated cost of \$7,695.00.

The Board approved Mr. Kirkman's action in the matter, with the funds for the payment to be made available from the rental to be received from the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipbuilding Company for space in the Warehouse.

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT - Post War Construction.

Mr. Kirkman discussed with the Board the matter of proceeding with alterations and repairs to the State Tobacco Warehouse, so that space in that building could be available for the offices of the Department of Budget and Procurement, and for warehouse purposes for the department. Mr. Kirkman stated that he would be unable to renew lease for the building at 1500 Russell Street, except at a considerable advance in rent, and that it would be necessary to make a lease for four years because the owner of the property is able at this time to obtain another tenant at the increased rental and for the period of time mentioned, following the expiration of the present lease the State has for the property. Mr. Kirkman indicated that the saving in the rent, which would be effected in the next four years, would offset, to a considerable extent, the excess cost for renovating the State Tobacco Warehouse, over the allotment which had heretofore been made by the Board.

In view of the situation the Board was favorable to the proposal of Mr. Kirkman that he be allowed to proceed with his plans for using the State Tobacco Warehouse for offices and warehouse purposes, at a cost of \$173,891.00, and approved an additional allotment of \$87,891.00 from the Post War Fund to cover the costs involved.*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*General contract-\$87,687.00

Mullan Contracting Co.

Electric contract-\$22,985.00

Keystone Engineering Co.

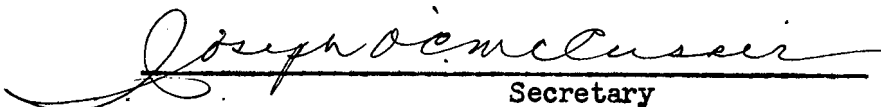
Plumbing contract-\$18,077.00

Heating contract-\$17,717.00

Air conditioning-\$13,700.00

Air conditioning equipment-\$13,725.00

Lloyd E. Mitchell.


Secretary